

Simile and Metaphor

A. Directions: Read the poem below and respond to the prompts.

Dreams

Hold fast to dreams
For if dreams die
Life is a broken-winged bird
That cannot fly.
Hold fast to dreams
For when dreams go
Life is a barren field
Frozen with snow.

—Langston Hughes

1. Is the comparison in the first four lines a simile or a metaphor? Explain.

2. What figurative comparison does Langston Hughes make in the last two lines?

3. In what ways are the two figures of speech similar?

4. What point does Hughes make with this figurative language?

B. Directions: Read the following lines. Analyze one of the figures of speech.

O, my love is like a red, red rose,
that's newly sprung in June.
O, my love is like a melody,
that's sweetly play'd in tune.

—Robert Burns, from “A Red, Red Rose”

5. Use a clean copy of the **Graphic Organizer**, Simile and Metaphor. Show how one figure of speech is used in the passage.